

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Shown in FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the mechanical seal 128 constructed in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. The mechanical seal 128 is shown with shaft 126, a snap ring ~~130~~131 and a seal section housing 132, and includes a retaining ring 134, a runner 136, a spring 138 and a mating ring 140.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 7, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

The retaining ring 134 is affixed to the shaft 126 by tightening the set screw 142. Other methods may also be used to affix the retaining ring 134 to the shaft 126, such as pins, keys or other known methods employed in the art. Also, the snap ring ~~130~~131 further prevents the axial movement of the mechanical seal 128.